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measures will be likely to succeed. If you think it is best to drop it, say so, & I will agree to it.

I should like to see you. I have an exchange at Wrentham, with Mr. Fiske on the 2^d Feb in Sept. & wish I could meet you there. You might also if you chose, see Miss B. However, put yourself to no trouble on my account, only write me an answer to this without much delay. If anything is to be done, I wish to know, & if nothing is to be done I wish to know it. There may be some thing in the way of my success at Smithfield, which has not been named, & perhaps not thought of except myself. Some things have led me to conjecture that she might have her eye & heart on another person.

As to the Tabernacle, I am too little a man for that great place, & do not ^{think} I should be so happy there or so useful, even if they wanted me, & I am here. — We have had 3 antislavery lectures within 2 months, so you see we are not quite neutral.

Yours affec.

E. D. Moore.

should receive from me would be a commitment
on her part, & that as there can never be more
than friendship, no effort had better be made
for an acquaintance, I am willing to have it
so. I have not committed my feelings, & it will be
no trial to me to end the matter here. I think well
of Rebecca, & in regard to this thing, better of her
heart than her head. How does she know but
an acquaintance would result, ~~some~~ in mutual
attachment; & especially, how can she expect that
any man, worthy of her, will visit her 6 months
or a year without making known his object, &
what is passing strange is, that she should allow
him to do it.

She wrote to me evidently, before she received
your letter. What impressions that may have
made on her mind I cannot tell. It may have
corrected some of her false notions, & disposed her
to an acquaintance. I have not answered
her letter, & am doubting whether I had better.
I think I shall not, at least till I hear from
you or from her. If you think the object
had better be prosecuted, & can be with suc-
cess, & will tell me how. I will hear & act.
You know Rebecca better than I do, & what

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Dear Br. Phelps. I received your letter season-
ably, & am aided by it under renewed obligations.
Before receiving yours, I had written to Miss Bartlett,
& have since received an answer. From present
appearances I am led to think that the whole
matter will pass through. Miss B has certainly
some very strange notions: for example, she is
a little out because when I visited her I made
known my object. She would have had me
visit her, & cultivate an intimate acquaintance,
without even hinting that I had a connection in
view; & she thinks that now she knows my
object, ~~there~~ is the possibility of our intercourse
on honorable principles is at an end. If this
be so I have sadly mistaken the rules of etiquette.
I had supposed that no lady of delicate feelings
would allow a young man to "hang round" month
after month, without making known his inten-
tions, & sure I am that I never shall do it.
Miss B thinks that now, every attention she